

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Alexandria Division**

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| AIDA ELZAGALLY, <i>et al.</i> , |) | |
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| Plaintiffs, |) | |
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| v. |) | |
| |) | Case No. 1:19-cv-853 (LMB/MSN) |
| KHALIFA HIFTER, <i>et al.</i> , |) | |
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| Defendants. |) | |
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NOTICE BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

On October 26, 2020, this Court transmitted a letter to the United States Department of State, soliciting its input concerning the above-captioned action and another civil action, *Muna Al-Suyid, et al. v. Khalifa Hifter, et al.*, Case No. 1:20-cv-170 (LMB/JFA). Letter, Dkt. No. 45. Specifically, the Court “invited” the State Department “to communicate its views on whether these actions should proceed in this court.” *Id.* 2. The Court directed that “[i]f the State Department wishes to do so . . . its views should be received on or before January 4, 2021.” *Id.*

The State Department appreciates the Court’s invitation to express its views. At this time, however, the United States declines to file a Statement of Interest pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 517.

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Respectfully submitted,

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